Technology Resources for Parents to Monitor Teen Drivers

According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States. Based on miles driven, teen drivers are three times as likely to be in fatal crashes as drivers age 20 and older. This list of technology resources was developed by the Michigan Drivers Age 24 and Younger Action Team for parents to help them monitor their teen's driving with the goal of decreasing teen traffic fatalities and serious injuries.

This list is for information purposes only. It is not intended to be all inclusive of available technology resources. Participating members of the Michigan Drivers Age 24 and Younger Action Team have not evaluated and do not endorse the resources on this list. To add a resource or request revisions, contact the action team chair. For the most recent list and chair's contact information, visit www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-64773_41646-145632--,00.html

Resource Name	What It Does	Charge	Devices Needed to Use	Logo/Picture
AT&T DriveMode	Sends automatic "out of office" replies to texts and emails and sends incoming calls to voicemail when the vehicle is moving.	Free for AT&T Customers	Dowloadable app for Android or iPhone in Google Play, BlackBerry App World, and AT&T AppCenter Not available for non-smart phones	
Canary	Receive notifications in real-time when your child is engaging in risky driving behavior.	Free	iPhones and Androids (must be a smart phone)	
CarChip® Pro	All-in-one engine performance and driving monitor installed in a vehicle.	$99.00	Data is downloaded to a PC; no app for smartphones available	
Cellcontrol	Device blocks use of cell phone functions while car is in motion. Text/email alert sent if device is deactivated, misused, or removed.	Free App $129 to purchase device	Device inserted under dashboard App for smart phones used to read data from device in vehicle	
DriveCam	Video event recorder in the car that sends a 12-second clip of what the driver was seeing, hearing, and doing when it senses risky driving.	$49.99/ month	Alerts are emailed and videos are watched in an online account Must have PC or smartphone with Internet access; no App available	
Drivesafe.ly Pro	Texts and emails are read aloud; App automatically responds without touching a button.	$9.99	Can purchase for smartphone in Google Play	
DriveScribe	Monitor driving routes in real time. When a violation occurs, info sent via text/email. Blocks calls and messaging.	Free	Must have smartphone	
KyrusFeel Application	Disables texting/apps on mobile devices when vehicle is moving. Specific settings configured based on company policy.	Free App Must purchase devices	Compatible with phones running Android 2.2 or newer, BlackBerry 5.x and newer, Apple iOS 5.0 and newer, and Flip and Feature phones running Java or BREW	

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MyKey	Programmable key that limits top speed, prevents disabling electronic stability control, limits max volume (no belts, no tunes), prevents calls/texts.	Standard	Available feature on every newer North American Ford/Lincoln product	
OnStar Family Link	See the location of vehicle on online map, get email/text alerts with location at a requested time and day.	$3.99/ month	Most 2010 GM vehicles and virtually all 2011 or newer GM vehicles are eligible Maps accessed online; no App	
Safe Driver	Monitors location and driving practices of newly licensed teens. Alerts via text/email when excessive speed (shows where infraction occurred).	Free	Must have smartphone	
Sprint Drive First	App deactivates various phone features when car begins moving; sends auto-reply to texts/calls. Different settings can be programmed.	Free	App only available for Sprint users; must have smartphone	
Teen Driver	Programmable key that mutes the radio when front seat occupants aren't wearing safety belts, gives audible and visual warnings when traveling over preset speeds. Built-in system allows parents to view how their teen drove such as maximum speed reached, distance driven and number of times active safety features were engaged.	Free	Car Key w/ Remote Transmitter	
TextArrest	Disables texting/email; locks phone's screen so texts can't be read/sent. App sense when car is traveling faster than 5 mph.	Free	App available in Google Play only (Android); not available for iPhones	
Textecution	Disables texting while driving	$29.99	App available in Google Play only (Android); not available for iPhones	
ZoomSafer	Limits acces to email, texting, browsing, and calling while driving. Allows calls parents set from a contact list using an online account	Free	Must have smartphone	

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